set up and margin money spent on them is Rs. 155.32 crores. 5.41 lakhs additional employment opportunities have been generated in these projects upto 2003-04.

Under this programme, KVIC provides development training to entrepreneurs through a number of accredited training centres. Training programme in various trades are also being organised in KVICs 15 departmentally run multi-disciplinary agencies. These training centres conduct various technical courses (both theoretical and practical) for the benefit of artisans/entrepreneurs engaged in Khadi and Village Industries.

(c) Does not arise.

Revolving funds for training rural youth in Karnataka

2387. SHRI K. B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Karnataka has sought Central assistance for starting a revolving fund for training rural youth in job-oriented courses;

(b) if so, the amount of Central assistance sought; and

(c) the present status of the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Crisis in the Coir Industry

2388. SHRI K. CHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that the Coir Industry is facing serious crisis;

(b) whether Government have contemplated any comprehensive plan to tide over the crisis;

(c) whether Government have taken initiative to put coir as an agricultural product in the WTO list; and

(d) if so, the details and the results of such initiatives?